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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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TO: The Deputy Secretary

FROM: ARA - William H. Luers, Acting

The Graiver Affair

Contradicting information leaked by Argentine military sources to the press, our Embassy reported on April 25 that there is no evidence that deceased Argentine financier Graiver had financial links to the Montonero guerrillas. This suggests that certain elements of the Argentine military are using the Graiver affair to tarnish the reputations of prominent Argentines such as La Opinion's publisher, Jacobo Timerman, former President Lanusse and OAS Secretary General Orfila.

The Jewish community in the United States is actively interested in this case, because three of the individuals implicated in the proceedings are Jewish (Graiver, Timerman and Gelbard). There is a fear that hardliners in the Argentine military, among whom there are anti-Semitic strains, may try to discredit Argentine Jews as leftists.

We continue to follow events closely but are refraining from any commentary given the complexity of the case. At this point, it is impossible to know whether the charges of the military hardliners will stick or whether President Videla will be able to turn the tables on the hardliners, thereby strengthening more moderate military elements.

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A summary of recent charges, accompanied by commentary, is attached.

Attachment:

A summary of Graiver case.

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